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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

SUBJECT : FOCUS Schedule for 1976

25X1 1. Attached is a schedule for FOCUS exercises for the balance of 1976 based on your recent comments to [redacted]. It was forwarded to the Assessments Subcommittee of the Human Resources Committee which has now responded with a list (also attached) of FOCUS reviews which the intelligence community departments and agencies have proposed through their representatives on the Assessments Subcommittee.

25X1 2. Per [redacted] Chairman of the Assessments Subcommittee, these proposed FOCUS reviews were selected on the basis of one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) perceived or suspected shortcomings in existing reporting programs,
- (b) the desire to have the benefit of an authoritative and up-to-date review of reporting from US Missions in countries where:
  - the United States has major diplomatic, economic and international security interests and/or commitments,
  - significant internal political or other changes are anticipated which would have direct or indirect impact on important US regional interests and objectives.
  - substantial intelligence community resources are deployed.

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3. [ ] has frequently stated his appreciation to the NIOs for their willingness to carry on their important contribution to the FOCUS Program and noted that their collaboration is essential to the Program and its refinement in the future. He further, however, has said that the priority preferences which the representatives of the departments and agencies have registered in the attached list should be given, in his view, substantial weight in the final determination of the FOCUS Review schedule based on these representatives' responsibilities to their principals.

4. He has asked that the NIOs review the Subcommittee list against the background of their own perceptions of national intelligence needs and priorities and the criteria outlined in paragraph 2. I have asked Mr. Carpenter to contact you individually to obtain your comments and views on the Subcommittee list. These discussions will assist him in preparing an agreed FOCUS schedule which, following final consultation with the NIOs, will be submitted to the USIB successor body for approval.

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Attachments

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